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SUBJECT: 29 TH SESSION ECAFE: DISCUSSION ITEM TEN - INDUSTRIAL
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1. AGENDA ITEM TEN WHICH INVOLVED DISCUSSION SIX DIFFERENT ECAFE ACTIVITIES WAS INTRODUCED ON APRIL NINETEENTH BY THREE SECRETARIAT DISCUSSION LEADERS, I. E., CHIEF DIVISION INDUSTRY AND HOUSING, CHIEF DIVISION NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROJECT MANAGER- COORDINATOR UNDP REGIONAL OFFSHORE PROSPECTING IN EAST ASIA. NINETEEN MEMBERS OF ECAFE MADE STATEMENTS PLUS GERMANY AND FIVE SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES AND THREE NGO' S. ALL ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRIES MAKING STATEMENTS CONFINED COMMENTS TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO COMMISSION BY SUBORDINATE BODIES, OR TO BRIEF SUMMARIES OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

2. IN KEEPING WITH TONE SET BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA IN HIS OPENING REMARKS TO 29 TH PLENARY, JAPANESE DELEGATION IN DEALING WITH ITEM TEN (B) UNDERLINED NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZED THAT PRIORITY BY GIVEN TO INTRODUCTION
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OF TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS, AND PROMOTION OF APPROPRIATE SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. JAPAN ENDORSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AIDC RECOMMENDED AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY INSTITUTE AND GENERALLY SUPPORTED ALL OTHER PROGRAMS RECOMMENDED IN DOCUMENTS E/ CN. LL/1081, 1079, AND L.348. IN DEALING WITH AGENDA ITEM TEN (B) JAPAN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UTILIZING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INDICATED NECESSITY TO TAKE INITIAL ACTION AT NATIONAL LEVEL. DURING DISCUSSION ITEM TEN (C) JAPAN ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TEN PERCENT TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO FUND, AND AS ITS INITIAL CONTRIBUTION IT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN 1973.

3. JAPAN'S POSITIVE STATEMENT SET GENERAL TONE OF DISCUSSIONS BY OTHER ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO ON THE WHOLE APPROVED MOST OF RECOMMENDED ECAFE PROJECTS THOUGH THEY DID NOT FOLLOW JAPAN'S EXAMPLE IN OFFERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT. INDIA WAS ONE OF FEW REGIONAL COUNTRIES WHICH FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND AND OFFERED HOS FACILITIES FOR CONFERENCE OF HOUSING MINISTERS IN 1974 BOTH OF WHICH FATED TO GAIN GENERAL REGIONAL COUNTRY SUPPORT. SRI LANKA REMARKS WERE CONFINED TO DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES WHILE INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA IN THEIR APPROVAL OF SECRETARIAT REPORTS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT TIN RESEARCH CENTER AND DEVOTED SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THEIR COMMENTS TO PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES. AT THE URGING OF PLENARY CHAIRMAN, DELEGATIONS WERE REQUESTED TO SHORTEN THEIR PLENARY STATEMENTS AND TO PRESENT FULL TEXTS TO SECRETARIAT SO THAT THEY COULD BE REVIEWED FOR FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT. AS A CONSEQUENCE NEPAL, THAILAND, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, BHUTAN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, NEW ZELAND, IRAN, UK, PAKISTAN AND MALAYSIA CONFINED REMARKS TO BRIEF COMMENTS ON PORTIONS OF AGENDA IN WHICH THEY HAD SPECIAL INTEREST. PHILIPPINES, USSR, AND USA MADE FULL STATEMENTS. US STATEMENT INCLUDED MATERIAL CONTAINED IN UNEC DOCUMENTS D-173/73 THROUGH D-178/73.

4. AT CLOSE DISCUSSION AGENDA, TEN, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS OF ALL DELEGATES PARTICIPATING IN 29 TH PLENARY

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